



## Allied health disaster volunteering

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### Abstract:

Allied health practitioners will play an important role in providing medical care following a disaster. The clinical and laboratory skills possessed by allied health practitioners will be of extreme importance in the processing of disaster victims. The degree that allied health practitioners can help process disaster victims will play a large role in helping stabilize survivors of man-made or natural disasters. Those allied health practitioners skilled in triage, patient assessment, and emergency treatment of those injured can make a large difference in improving the utilization of human resources at an emergency site and thereby potentially improve treatment outcomes. Failure of a health professional to preregister as a health volunteer can affect the quality and responsiveness of a community's surge capacity. The rationale for advance registration ensures that the time-intensive effort of identifying professional credentials and licenses does not consume or divert resources that are necessary for mitigation of the immediate emergency. Of equal importance for allied health practitioners are the liability issues that exist in providing health care services outside of a formal employment agreement.

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### Resource Description

#### Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Other Exposure

**Other Exposure:** Disasters

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

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resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

## **Geographic Location:** ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

## **Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation):** ☒

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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## **Health Impact:** ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Injury, Mental Health/Stress

**Mental Health Effect/Stress:** Stress Disorder

## **Intervention:** ☒

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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## **Medical Community Engagement:** ☒

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

## **Mitigation/Adaptation:** ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

## **Resource Type:** ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

## **Timescale:** ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified